

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2127, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 2127 the clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1555, COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I should advise the members that pending the following unanimous-consent request, this could be the last vote of the night.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House convene at 8:00 a.m. today and that there be no intervening motion from the time of convening until the Pledge of Allegiance; and that further consideration of the bill H.R. 1555 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 207 shall also be governed by the following order:

First, immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance, the House shall resolve into the Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of H.R. 1555 pursuant to House Resolution 207 without intervening motion;

Second, consideration in the Committee of the Whole shall proceed without intervening motion except the amendments printed in the House Report 104-223, except one motion to rise, if offered by Representative BLILEY;

Third, that any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole shall be deemed as having been adopted in the House; and

Fourth that Representative CONYERS shall have permission to modify amendment number 2-2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not think that I will object, but I want to make a couple of comments.

Like every other Member of this body, I have received a deluge of mail on the subject of this bill. Like the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FLANA-

GAN] yesterday, I took the trouble to check into the behavior of those who stimulated that mail. I found, as did the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. FLANAGAN], that the stimulators of that mail had used the names of people who were unaware of the use of their names, that those who put that mail campaign together made false statements about the persons who had signed the letters, and led the people to sign the mail without any correct impression of what the content of the mail or the campaign was to be. Under the proposal tomorrow, I cannot discuss that matter at that time.

I want to make it very clear that I intend to follow up on this matter and to see to it that the miscreants who have engaged in this improper practice are exposed in proper fashion and that their behavior which demeans themselves, the legislative practices of this body and the democracy of which we are a part is properly exposed.

I will be sending them a letter on behalf of a number of my colleagues about this serious and gross misbehavior. Anyone who would like to join in signing the letter will be welcome at this desk tomorrow. I would also say that I intend to see to it that this kind of practice does not again infect the legislative process.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DINGELL. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to applaud the gentleman for his statement. I intend to work closely with you, if you will have me, to see that jointly we pursue this matter to its proper conclusion. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DINGELL. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the subcommittee chairman of oversight investigations, a post the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL] held for so many years with such distinction, if his investigations uncover something that is worthy of investigation by that subcommittee, I will be happy to work with the gentleman and the full committee chairman to fully follow up on whatever he finds out.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I can think of no Member who would do a finer job in setting right this matter. I want to thank the gentleman from Texas and also my dear friend the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I will not object, but I would like to ask the majority leader if Members could be as-

sured that there would not be a vote in the morning until 8:45 a.m.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, we will convene at 8 a.m. and go immediately into consideration of the chairman's amendment. The debate on that amendment would be 30 minutes. So even a 15-minute vote could not, even under the greatest conditions of expediency, be completed until 8:45 a.m. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL URBAN POLICY REPORT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith my Administration's National Urban Policy Report, "Empowerment: A New Covenant With America's Communities," as required by 42 U.S.C. 4503(a). The Report provides a framework for empowering America's disadvantaged citizens and poor communities to build a brighter future for themselves, for their families and neighbors, and for America. The Report is organized around four principles:

First, it links families to work. It brings tax, education and training, housing, welfare, public safety, transportation, and capital access policies together to help families make the transition to self-sufficiency and independence. This linkage is critical to the transformation of our communities.

Second, it leverages private investment in our urban communities. It works with the market and the private sector to build upon the natural assets and competitive advantages of urban communities.

Third, it is locally driven. The days of made in Washington solutions, dictated by a distant Government, are gone. Instead, solutions must be locally crafted, and implemented by entrepreneurial public entities, private actors, and a growing network of community-based firms and organizations.

Fourth, it relies on traditional values—hard work, family, responsibility. The problems of so many inner-city neighborhoods—family break-up, teen pregnancy, abandonment, crime, drug use—will be solved only if individuals, families, and communities determine to help themselves.